

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
April 3, 2024

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Larry Gates, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Nora Martin, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation, and Rae Ann Yuskowatz, Director of Planned and Legacy Giving at the Foundation

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 10:08 p.m.

The minutes of March 6, 2024, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken** indicated that she is working with staff at the Foundation and the Provost's Office to integrate diverse lists of emeriti and create a correct Emeritus Faculty and Staff list. This list will be controlled by the president of the emeritus association. Care will be taken to include information about the department and college of the members, so that the list can be sorted for a particular department or college when asked. Currently there are about 760 members on the list.
- B. When a member dies, the spouse** will be asked whether he or she would like to become an associate. This means that the spouse continues to receive the notices and a parking card for pay lots.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Meeting invitations will indicate** that a parking employee has been hired to provide help at the gate of the pay lot when the meeting is at McKenny or the Student Union. A standard template for invitations will be used to provide familiarity. Members who plan to come will be asked about the need for mobility assistance from the door of the building to the gathering. If a significant number of people need assistance, students will be hired to help.
- B. The President of GameAbove, Sun Chao,** is the confirmed speaker for the June 7 Business meeting at the Ballroom in the Student Center. GameAbove sponsored athletic events, the College of Technology, and the Undergraduate Symposium.
- C. The order of Business and Social meetings** will be back to the usual order with the Business meeting before the Social if it's possible to use the Eagles Nest at the Convocation Center next year. Another advantage of meeting at the Eagles Nest is that parking is free.
- D. Changes to the Constitution or Bylaws** are being drafted by Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller. Considered for addition are a Planning Committee for Presentations at Business Meetings, liaisons to different groups, making sure that the spouse of a deceased member is offered associate membership, and clarifying that the list of emeriti is controlled by the president of the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Associate membership will be offered to the spouse** when a member dies. If the spouse wants to become an Associate Member, he or she will get a parking card for pay lots and be added to the list to continue to receive notices.
- B. For the Fall Business meeting**, Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will schedule a presentation on artificial intelligence for senior citizens. Other possibilities if this does not work out are a presentation by the College of Technology as recipients of GameAbove sponsorship or a presentation about the 175th birthday of EMU.
- C. For the May 17 Social** in McKenny, members of the Forensics Team will present their award winning presentations.
- D. Succession planning** needs to be on the agenda. President Sally McCracken, Secretary Alida Westman, and Website updater Wendi Kivi are scheduled for retirement. Alida also is the liaison to the EMU-AAUP and to Faculty Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth** indicated that there are staff changes at the Foundation, and on April 16 students will present on the history of EMU for its 175th birthday. Howard indicates which alumni events may be of interest to the emeriti. This led to a discussion about the type of relationship between the alumnus and emeritus associations which would be the most helpful.
- B. Rae Anne Yuskowatz** indicated that the Foundation is beginning to plan events in the Fall for the 175th birthday of EMU.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 10 am at the Eagles Nest.